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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED: CUBA'S LEADERSHIP

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1. ACCORDING TO DFA SOURCE, MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER
HUSSEIN ONN WAS THE ONLY CHOGRM LEADER TO RAISE CUBAN
QUESTION DURING THE SYDNEY MEETINGS WHERE GOA REPRESENTA-
TIVES WERE PRESENT. UNDER AGENDA ITEM 1 (WORLD AND
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REGIONAL POLITICAL TRENDS) DISCUSSION (TRANSCRIPT
NOT AVAILABLE AS SESSIONS ARE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL),
HUSSEIN RAISED PROBLEM OF HORN OF AFRICA WHERE USSR
WAS USING "PROXY FORCES, CUBAN AND SO ON" TO ACCOMPLISH
RUSSIAN AIMS. HUSSEIN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE SSSR
WOULD USE "PROXY FORCES" IN OTHER AREAS SPREADING CONFLICT
THROUGHOUT THE INDICAN OCEAN, EVENTUALLY PERHAPS REACHING

MALAYSIA AND ADJACENT COUNTRIES. HUSSEIN TERMED THIS A NEW METHOD OF AGGRESSION, "BY PROXY," WHICH COULD EVEN EVENTUALLY DISRUPT CONTACTS THAT AUSTRALIA HAD WITH SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS. ACCORDING TO DFA, THE MORE GENERAL QUESTION OF CUBAN LEADERSHIP ROLE DID NOT REPEAT NOT ARISE DURING DISCUSSIONS WHERE AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATED, NOR DID THE QUESTION OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND ITS UPCOMING MEETING IN KABUL IN MAY. HOWEVER, DFA SOURCES BELIEVE THE ABOVE QUESTIONS HAD LIKELY BEEN DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE MEETINGS BY NON-ALIGNED CHOGRM ATTENDEES.

2. DFA ALSO INFORMED US THAT AFTER CHOGRM AN INDONESIAN DIPLOMATI REQUESTED A RSN-DOWN ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING. THE INDONESIAN EMPLOYED THE SAME EXPRESSION "WAR BY PROXY" AS HUSSEIN DID IN DESCRIBING CUBAN ACTIVITIES, IN DISCUSSING THE VIETNAM-KAMPUCHEA DISPUTE. THE INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THE GOI WAS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM THE CUBANS FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH A CUBAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN JAKARTA. THE GOI HAD RESISTED CUBAN OVERTURES SO FAR AND "INDONESIA'S AND ITS NEIGHBORS'" RELUCTANCE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA WERE ENHANCED BY THEIR "OWN SUSPICIONS AND WORRY" OVER CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.

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